

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7, 12, 15, 21, 26, 29, 35, and 40 are amended herein. Claims 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31, 36, and 41 are cancelled. Claims remaining in the instant case are Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-16, 18-21, 23-26, 28-30, 32-35, 37-40 and 42. No new matter has been introduced.

102(b) Rejection

Claims 1-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,311,278B1 to Raanan et al. The Applicants have reviewed the cited reference and respectfully assert that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 7, 12, 15, 21, 26, 29, 35, and 40, as amended, are not anticipated or suggested by Raanan and that Claims 2, 4-6, 9-11, 14, 16, 18-20, 23-25, 28, 30, 32-34, 37-39 and 42, as they depend from independent Claims 1, 7, 12, 15, 21, 26, 29, 35, and 40 and recite additional embodiments of the present claimed invention, are not anticipated or suggested by Raanan.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended herein to recite that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to:

“A method of accessing devices on a private network via a client on a public network, the method comprising the following steps performed by a gateway on the private network:

accepting a user log-in request from the client prior to ascertaining rights of the user, wherein the user log-in request comprises an identification of the user, and wherein the user log-in request has a predetermined life span;

ascertaining rights of a user to access one or more devices on the private network;

receiving a request;

redirecting the received client request;

scrubbing a Web page served by the Web server in response to the received client request,; and

serving the scrubbed Web page to the client.” (emphasis added)

Claims 2 and 4-6 are dependent on Claim 1 and recite further features of the present claimed invention.

In contrast to the present claimed embodiments, Raanan does not teach or suggest the limitation of Claim 1 in which the method of accessing devices comprises accepting a user log-in request from the client prior to ascertaining rights of the user, wherein the user log-in request includes an identification of the user, and wherein the user log-in request has a predetermined life span;” The section cited by the Examiner fails to teach or suggest the claimed method of accessing devices. Raanan does not mention that “the user log-in request having a predetermined life span” as claimed. Rather, Raanan teaches a method for extracting application protocols. Although this material specified by Raanan allows for defining a set of allowable or authorized actions (see Column 2, lines 49-59), nowhere in this explanation is a predetermined life span of such authorized or allowable actions taught or suggested.

Applicants respectfully assert that there is no basis for concluding that the method of Raanan, or any of the other elements of Raanan, include accepting a user log-in request from the client prior to ascertaining rights of the user, wherein the user log-in request includes an identification of the user, and wherein the user log-in request has a predetermined life span, as recited in Claim 1; specifically, in a method of accessing devices on a private network via a client on a public network as recited in independent Claim 1 as amended herein. Applicants further

submit that Raanan does not teach or suggest the present claimed invention as recited in Claims 2 and 4-6 that are dependent on Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 2 and 4-6 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Independent Claims 7, 12, 15, 21, 26, 29, 35 and 40 recite similar limitations to those of Claim 1 argued above, and Applicants respectfully re-assert each and every point argued above regarding the rejections of Claim 1 that the present invention as recited in Claims 7, 12, 15, 21, 26, 29, 35 and 40, as amended, are not anticipated by Raanan. Applicants further submit that Raanan does not teach or suggest the present claimed invention as recited in Claims 9-11, 14, 16, 18-20, 23-25, 28, 30, 32-34, 37-39 and 42 that are dependent on Claims 7, 12, 15, 21, 26, 29, 35 and 40.

CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments presented above, it is respectfully asserted that Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14-16, 18-21, 23-26, 28-30, 32-35, 37-40 and 42 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, allowance of these Claims is respectfully solicited.

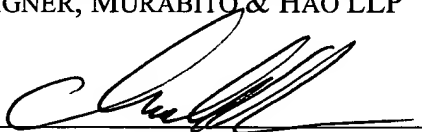
Applicants have reviewed the following references which were cited but not relied upon and do not find these references to show or suggest the present claimed invention: US/5,903,732 and US 6,192,362.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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